

GRIP OF TROUSERS MUST BE BROKEN, BRYAN DECLARES

Frenzied Demonstration as
Democratic Candidate Arose
to Speak at Indianapolis.

KERN IS NOTIFIED BY PARTY LEADERS

Vice-Presidential Nominee Quotes
Records to Refute Argument
of Sherman That People
Have Ruled Under the
Republican Administration.

Bryan's Demand for Equal Opportunity

"In my notification speech I called attention to three demands made by our party. It asks that the government shall be taken out of the hands of special interests, and restored to the people as a whole; it asks, second, for honesty in election, and publicity in regard to campaign funds, that the people may freely choose representatives in sympathy with them, and pledged to guard their interests; it asks, third, for such a modification of our governmental methods as will make the Senate an elective body, and place the control of the House of Representatives in the hands of a majority of its members.

"A few days ago, in discussing the tariff question, I dwelt upon the fourth demand made by our party, namely, that taxation be just, that the revenue laws be made for the purpose of raising revenue and not for the enrichment of a few at the expense of the many, and that the tariff law be supplemented by an income tax, which will more nearly equalize the government's burdens.

"To-day I present another demand made in our party platform—the demand that the grip of the trusts be broken; that competition be restored and that the door of opportunity be opened to the underdog men and the toilers of the land."

W. J. Bryan in address at Indianapolis yesterday.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 25.—In the presence of 15,000 people, assembled in the Coliseum at the State Fair Grounds, John Worth Kern, of Indiana, was to-day formally notified of his nomination by the Democratic party for the vice-presidency of the United States. Notable addresses by prominent party leaders and unbounded enthusiasm among the great throngs of people marked the occasion.

Accepting the nomination, Mr. Kern paid tribute to his chief and running mate, discussed Democratic principles and replied in terms to the claim of Mr. Sherman, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, that the people have ruled under the present administration. He was roundly applauded. Hon. Theodore E. Bell, of California, chairman of the notification committee, made a ringing address, and finally the crowd went wild as William Jennings Bryan arose to deliver his long-awaited speech on "Trusts." At this point the enthusiasm was intense, and it was many minutes before Mr. Bryan could make his voice heard above the uproar.

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Kern Is Notified.
The meeting was called to order by Thomas Taggart, member of the national committee from Indiana, who relinquished the gavel to Norman B. Mack, of Buffalo, N. Y., chairman of the national committee. Mr. Mack presided throughout the meeting, receiving an enthusiastic greeting. He spoke very briefly, but predicted victory in November for the national Democratic ticket. Then Mr. Kern, who is a native of California, who, as chairman of the notification committee, formally announced to Mr. Kern his nomination by the Democratic convention. Mr. Bell spoke as follows:

"The lines of battle are drawing for one of the severest political struggles in the history of the country. Just one more ceremony remains to be performed before the contending forces take the field for action. Assembled here to-day from every section of America are representatives of the Democracy to whom has been delegated the great privilege of tendering to you, Mr. Kern, an honor and trust as sacred as any political honor can offer to one of its most loyal and distinguished members, and that is the Democratic nomination for the vice-presidency of the United States.

"In selecting you for this high honor the Democratic National Convention was not unmindful of the fact that the office of Vice-President has gained in importance and national importance; that the holder of the office is called upon to perform the most important duties of the people. These qualifications you were found to possess in a pre-eminent degree.

The Democratic Cause.
"Before you accept this nomination and go forth three-armed with truth to overcome your foes, you will pardon us if we briefly present the Democratic cause that you purpose to sustain before the jury of your country. You will be able to show that the Republican party has been unfaithful to its trust; that it has violated the most solemn commands of the political decencies; that its use to the people has not only been impaired, but utterly destroyed, by permitting its energies to become absorbed in the artificial life of the corporate creatures of their laws, and that at this time we must either make a complete surrender or for all time the heroism of our nation from now.

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EARLE ASSAULTS "AFFINITY"

Artist Is Now Lodged in New York Jail, Refusing Bail.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., August 25.—Ferdinand P. Earle, the artist of affinity fame, was arrested at his home, near Monroe, this afternoon, charged with assault in the second degree, alleged to have been committed on his wife on or about August 15th, twelve days after the birth of their child.

The complainant was Mrs. Inez Barry, an aunt of Mrs. Earle. It is not known on what the assault charge is based. Earle pleaded guilty to the charge and was held to await the action of the grand jury. Preferring to be locked up rather than give bail, Earle was conveyed to the county jail at Goshen.

In court Earle appeared to be very much affected, tears streaming down his cheeks during the proceedings.

It was last summer that Ferdinand Pinney Earle first came into public notice. At that time he started the country by claiming to have married the actress, Mrs. Inez Barry, who had agreed to take this course in order to enable him to marry his "affinity," Julie Kutter. Residents of Monroe were greatly shocked and outraged at him and his carriage was stoned over, but he bravely defied the mobs and his courage saved him. Later Mrs. Earle and her children sailed for France. There Mrs. Earle secured a divorce, Earle and Miss Kutter were then married. They went abroad for a trip, and when they returned they went to the artist's fine mansion at Goshen, N. Y., where they were married. Mrs. Earle installed a swarm of bees to keep people away.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle is a son of General Pinney Earle. He has an independent fortune, is an artist and has studied in the best French and Italian schools.

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS

Seattle Meets for Delegates from All Parts of Country.

SEATTLE, WASH., August 25.—When Jacob M. Dickinson called the American Bar Association together at the New Washington Hotel to-day in its thirty-seventh annual convention, the large hall and the galleries were crowded with people, made up of distinguished jurists and lawyers from every part of the United States, and with delegates from all over the country.

Mr. Dickinson replied to the addresses of welcome by United States Judge Hanford and Mayor Miller and then delivered his speech on the legislative program for the year from the enactment of new laws in the various States of the Union.

The first business was the selection of a new general council. Among the members are James R. Catton, Virginia; George B. Smith, North Carolina; and others. The new council will meet in 1909 at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Dickinson then turned to the address of the executive committee, which was referred to proper committees without debate was accepted. At the last meeting in Portland, Me., members said that politics was injected into the proceedings and that resolutions of this kind will be considered this year in open session.

TO FORCE STEWART OUT

Army Colonel Is Now Ordered to Take Severe Riding Test.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 25.—Orders were issued by the War Department to-day directing Colonel William F. Stewart, of the Coast Artillery, who several months ago was sent to the abandoned military post of Fort Grant, Ariz., on account of "temperamental incapacity," to proceed to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to take the riding test prescribed for field officers. At the conclusion of the test he is directed to return to Fort Grant.

Colonel Stewart was asked to retire last year, and refused. As a result he was sent to Fort Grant "without command," his only associates being two caretakers. Fort Grant is twenty-six miles from the nearest railroad. Fort Huachuca is about 100 miles from Fort Grant, on the Mexican border. Colonel Stewart has the option of retiring at any time, but has refused to do so for three consecutive days or of walking fifty miles in the same period.

SEARCH FOR BANDIT

Doubtful, However, If Bold Highwayman Will Ever Be Caught.

LIVINGSTON, N. Y., August 25.—Soldiers and scouts are still searching for the bandit who yesterday held up six stages in Yellowstone National Park and robbed many travelers of cash aggregating \$10,000, securities and jewelry. The chances for capture are slim, as the police where the hold-up occurred is near the Jackson Hole country, famous as a refuge for criminals. The start that the bandit gained while the coaches were making the drive of fifteen miles to report the robbery makes his escape almost certain. A reward of \$1,000 has been posted, but no clue has been found.

ROANOKER IN HOLD-UP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKER, VA., August 25.—Mr. R. H. Fishburne and three daughters, of H. Fishburne, in the hold-up in Yellowstone National Park, where the hold-up occurred is near the Jackson Hole country, famous as a refuge for criminals. The start that the bandit gained while the coaches were making the drive of fifteen miles to report the robbery makes his escape almost certain. A reward of \$1,000 has been posted, but no clue has been found.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION IS MEETING IN WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, MAN., August 25.—The thirty-sixth annual gathering of the American Health Association opened this evening, Premier Roblin of Manitoba, welcoming the delegates. President Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of Raleigh, N. C., followed with his annual address. Two hundred delegates from Canada, the United States and Mexico were present.

severely discussing the water and sewerage question. It was urged that in typhoid fever epidemics the matters of registration of deaths, marriages and births be impressed on municipal officers in order to better the situation adopted by many of the States and provinces.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN GEORGIA AND HIS BODY RIPPED BY MOB

LOUISVILLE, GA., August 25.—Vance Williams, a negro, who is alleged to have murdered R. G. Brown, a white man, was lynched to-day near the Pauper Farm, with three bullet wounds in the back.

Williams, after his capture, was confined in the Bibb county jail, and just now he was taken from there is not known.

MAYNARD WINS IN SECOND DISTRICT

Plurality Given Over Cabell in Yesterday's Primary Was 323 Votes.

BAD WEATHER IS SAID TO HAVE HAD EFFECT

Contest May Result from Charge of Stuffing Ballot Box at Tanner's Creek Polling Place—Holland Was Not in the Running.

NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—Making a better showing in the outlying counties than was anticipated, Cabell's majority in the primary in Norfolk county, where he carried 1,000 in Norfolk, which dwindled to less than 500, Congressman Harry L. Maynard won the Democratic nomination in to-day's primary by over 300 majority.

The fact that the anti-administration vote of the city of Norfolk split between the two candidates and Maynard, while the Good Government vote stood aloof from the election, is given as a reason for the Maynard election, despite the fact that he fell down in Norfolk county, a stronghold that had been conceded by 500 majority.

In the counties of Nansemond, Southampton and Isle of Wight, J. Peter Holland polled a good vote, and it is conceded, but down Colonel Cabell's majority. Mr. Holland carried Southampton and Isle of Wight counties over Maynard.

Only one instance of any irregularity was brought to light. It was at Tanner's Creek polling place, where fifty-nine votes were cast and only forty-one were checked as voting. Maynard's majority here was sixteen votes. It may lead to a contest before the district committee. Mr. Stevens, Colonel Cabell's judge, stated that the ballot box was stuffed during his momentary absence.

The vote was exceptionally light throughout the district. A severe northeast gale prevailed, accompanied by rain, and kept hundreds away from the polls in country districts. Roads were impassable.

Cabell's majority in Norfolk proper is 464. Maynard's majority in Portsmouth, 794. Cabell's majority, with two precincts missing, in Nansemond county is 1,000. Cabell's majority in Southampton county over Maynard, 235. Holland carried the county by 184. Two precincts missing, but one said to be about evenly divided. Princess Anne county, three precincts missing, Cabell's majority 11. Isle of Wight, one precinct missing, Maynard's majority 38. Norfolk county, three precincts missing, Maynard's majority 220.

Total: Maynard's majorities, 1,052; Cabell's majorities, 729; Maynard's plurality, 323.

It is not probable that the missing precincts will change the result, as their votes will not total over 300, and it is known that Maynard's chances are equal to Cabell's in all of them.

REFUSES TO VACATE

Sensational Day in Breathitt Circuit Court on Calling of Hargis Case.

JACKSON, KY., August 25.—The most sensational session of the Breathitt Circuit Court held since Special Judge Carnes was here with the troops in the trial of the late Judge James Hargis, was held to-day on the calling of the case of Hargis against the Commonwealth. The courtroom was packed with spectators, including many ladies.

Judge Adams announced that he would overrule the motion of defendant requiring him to vacate the bench, and he impudently charged the Commonwealth with the crime of perjury. The case was then moved for a change of venue to another county. Governor Bradley, on behalf of the defendant, stated to the court that the defendant was unprepared to argue this motion, and the hearing was postponed until Thursday morning.

ANSEL IS RE-ELECTED

Reports from South Carolina Primary Coming in Very Slowly.

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 25.—Returns from to-day's Democratic primary to nominate State officers, Congressmen and a successor to the late Senator A. C. Latimer are coming in slowly.

At 10:30 o'clock to-night the reports indicate that E. D. Smith and either R. G. Rhet or ex-Governor John Gary Evans will make the second round against Senator H. H. Bradley. Governor Martin F. Ansel is leading his opponent, Cole L. Blaise by a good majority, and the indications are that he will be re-elected. Adjutant-General J. C. Boyd and Comptroller-General A. W. Jones are probably re-elected.

YOUTHFUL PRISONERS BREAK FROM JAIL AT SALISBURY, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., August 25.—Max Harty and Earl Dillon, each aged fifteen years, placed in the city lock-up here Saturday for assaulting a young man in this city last day, broke jail Saturday night and were recaptured yesterday near town. It is believed that friends of the boys conspired to help them escape, and that they had been in the city for some time.

HIBERNIANS' CONVENTION

Assembly Is Opened With Impressive Exercises in Norfolk.

NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—With mass at 9 o'clock this morning, celebrated in St. Paul's Catholic Church, at High and Washington Streets, and largely attended, the State convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the ladies' auxiliary of the order, was formally opened. The service was marked by the attendance of quite a number of persons who are not identified with the work of either branch of the Hibernian order.

Rev. Charles E. Donohoe, pastor of St. Paul's, was celebrant of the mass, and was assisted by Rev. F. P. Lackey, assistant pastor of the church; Rev. Father McGee, of Norfolk; Rev. Father Walsh and Rev. Father Doherty, also of this city; Rev. Father Haler and Rev. Father Gilson, both of the State capital.

In connection with the service, Rev. Father Calaher, county chaplain, delivered an interesting sermon on "Hibernianism." At the conclusion of the service in St. Paul's, the delegates went immediately to their respective convention halls.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF LEPER

Matter Greatly Disturbs Minds of Authorities of Washington and Carolina.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The local authorities have not yet been able to solve the question as to what should be done with John R. Early, the leper, who came to Washington from Lynch, N. C., nearly two weeks ago. A letter from the State of North Carolina, dated August 20th, to-night from the health authorities of North Carolina, saying that the entire matter has been referred to the Attorney-General of that State.

It probably will be several days before they will know whether the North Carolina authorities will agree to take care of him, in which event he would have opportunity to again see his wife and child, who are still in Lynch. In the meantime the leper is confined in a small room in an isolated spot near the quarantine station on the Eastern Branch of the Potomac.

NEGRO SHOOTS COLT

Believed Mr. Fitzgerald Had Killed His Dog, So He Retaliates.

ATLANTA, VA., August 25.—A very troublesome young negro, called Mose Turner, was arrested, tried and sent on to the grand jury yesterday by Justice Fitzpatrick for shooting a colt belonging to Frank Fitzgerald, a white man. Some time ago Mose had a dog killed, and either with or without evidence, he made up his mind that Fitzgerald had killed it. Later he went to the house of Fitzgerald and told him he had found out that he killed his dog, and he meant to shoot Fitzgerald's colt in a pasture nearby. Next day Fitzgerald found his colt badly wounded, and got a warrant for Mose, with the above result. As jail seemed to Mose, he was released.

LUNCHEON TO DANIEL

Ambassador Henry White Entertains Delightfully at Capital.

PARIS, August 25.—Ambassador Henry White gave a luncheon to-day to Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and Representatives Vreeland, of New York, and (Senator) The Indiana members of the subcommittee of the National Monetary Commission, who have come over here from London to study the monetary system of France.

Mr. Patton, governor of the Bank of France, and Baron Brinck, administrator of the Credit Lyonnais, were also guests at the lunch. The members of the subcommittee spent the afternoon in the two institutions named, examining the French system of finance. They gained extensive and helpful information.

Ambassador White is about to leave for Scotland for ten days' shooting in the highlands.

DANE ORDERED DEPORTED

Improperly Landed in 1907, A Man Is Found at Wilson, N. C., Under Arrest.

NORFOLK, VA., August 25.—William R. Morton, United States Immigration Inspector, in charge of the local bureau, arrived yesterday from Wilson, N. C., having in charge Carl Miller, a young Dane, who has been ordered deported because he was illegally landed in this country.

Miller was arrested at Wilson on a charge of stealing and was awaiting trial by the civil authorities when the Immigration Inspector learned the reason for his being landed in this country in May, 1907, without any legal right to be here. It was at first thought that the State of North Carolina would exert original claim over the prisoner, but the prosecutor, Attorney General, decided to turn the prisoner over to the Federal authorities.

CUBAN ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14TH

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 25.—That the presidential and congressional elections in Cuba would be held on November 14th next, and that the inauguration of the newly-elected President would take place on January 28, 1909, was the announcement made by Charles D. Magoon, Governor of Cuba, following his conference with President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill to-day.

Mr. Magoon said that the President expressed himself as well pleased with the work of the Cuban government, and that he himself expressed confidence that the elections in Cuba would pass off without disorder, and that the Cubans would be able to take capable hold of the island's governmental affairs with the institution of the new regime.

IN ST. LOUIS, RICHMOND WOMAN ASKS DIVORCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., August 25.—Gertrude M. Walker, through her attorney, Thomas B. Harvey, to-day dismissed her divorce suit against James E. M. Walker, which has been pending since 1906, and filed a new one. She says her husband is living in No. 808 West Main Street, Richmond, Va. They were married in St. Louis, August 24, 1898. Mrs. Walker says she was forced to leave with him July 15, 1906. She charges general indignities and asks for custody of their child. She is the employ of a telephone company here.

WEATHER.

Rain.

COLLAPSE OF FIRM STARTLES MARKET

Fear That Other Houses May Be Involved in Failure of Brown & Company.

RESULT OF RECKLESS TRADING ON SATURDAY

Members of Concern Deny They Had Any Dealings With Thomas W. Lawson. Stocks Nervous, but Situation Is Not Serious Yet.

NEW YORK, August 25.—The failure of the big brokerage firm of A. O. Brown & Co., for a sum popularly estimated at considerably over \$1,000,000, sent a nervous thrill through the stock market to-day.

Coming as a climax to the bewildering trading in Saturday's market, the suspension attracted an extraordinary amount of public attention, but was regarded by prominent financial interests as offering an early solution of the tangle growing out of the most remarkable two-hours session the New York Stock Exchange has known in many years. Through there was no question in Wall Street this afternoon that the situation created by the failure could be easily taken care of, there was distinctly a feeling of apprehension lest other firms might unwittingly be drawn into the affair as a result of the extensive orders scattered through commission houses during Saturday's spectacular proceedings.

Enormous Transactions.
The transactions of A. O. Brown & Company covered nearly 15 per cent of the trading in the week-end session of the stock market, and it was stated officially by a member of the firm to-day that delivery had been made of about 27,000 of the more than 700,000 shares handled. How many of the outstanding shares represent the debt of the firm, however, was not stated. It was carried on the firm's account, it was impossible to learn. A definite statement of the affairs of the suspended house will be made later.

The afternoon was filled with rumors as to various causes which may have been responsible for the course of the firm in Saturday's market when the total sales recorded on the floor of the exchange for the two hours of trading amounted to more than 1,100,000 shares, as against a normal volume of about one-third of a million during the full five-hour session of Monday. Most of these reports, however, were dissipated. Mr. Buchanan himself stated positively that the firm had no relations whatever with Thomas W. Lawson.

Announcement of the failure was made on the Stock Exchange at 1:35 P. M. when the market was ranging from one to three points higher than the closing of yesterday. There had been heavy buying during the morning hours, presumably on the part of brokers attempting to fill the uncovered orders of Saturday, and for a time prices were maintained. The market closed heavy and uneasy, however, at a decline.

Brown & Co. were members of the New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, and Cleveland Stock Exchange. They had branch offices in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, Erie, Pa., and Toronto. Within the past few months the firm had spent \$75,000 in refurbishing its offices at No. 30 Broad Street. The membership of the firm included Albert G. Brown, Lewis Ginter Young, George C. Stone, Estvander and Buchanan, S. C. Brown and W. R. Hoar Whitman. Private wires were maintained to all the principal cities.

The extensive trading of the firm, it is believed, was confined largely to New York, despite the fact that the house had made a specialty of Western business. Although organized only in the latter part of 1903, the company had come to take a prominent part in trading on the Stock Exchange floor. John W. Brown, cashier, was the firm's name as assignee, with D. W. Noel as counsel.

Affairs Badly Tangled.
When the failure was announced a member of the firm said that its affairs were a badly tangled condition as the result of Saturday's trading, and that it was thought best to make an assignment at once. It is understood that brokerage firms who were waiting the delivery of stocks from A. O. Brown & Co. became impatient about noon to-day, and sent word that they would allow but a few more hours of grace. All attempts to secure further delay were futile, and the suspension followed.

It was also said that the banks which carried the accounts of the house, decided to close their doors to-day.

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DOUBLE KILLING AT DANTE

Harvey Johnson Avenge the Shooting of Brother George.

BRISTOL, VA., August 25.—A special from Castlewood, Va., tells of a double killing at Dante, Russell county, last night. George Johnson, a storekeeper, engaged in a quarrel with Jake Rachels, as a result of which Rachels shot and almost instantly killed Johnson. A few hours later Harvey Johnson, a brother of George Johnson, heard of the killing of his brother, procured a revolver and went in search of Rachels, who had not yet been arrested. He found him, and killed him instantly. No arrests have been made.

JONATHAN MAXWELL, OF NORTH CAROLINA, FOR COUNCIL

SAGINAW, MICH., August 25.—The Daughters of Liberty opened their national convention here this afternoon, with 200 delegates present from all parts of the country. National Council J. P. Potter, of Clayton, N. J., presiding.

Jonathan M. Maxwell, of North Carolina, was this afternoon nominated to-morrow will be elected national convention. The new association's chief will be Mrs. Jennie Knapp, of Indiana, and the vice-presidents, Mary Kenney, of Pittsburgh, and Mat Bankin, of New York.

BURIED BENEATH WALL

Seven Workmen Killed and Many Others Injured in Chelsea, Mass.

CHELSEA, MASS., August 25.—A brick wall in Chelsea Square, forty-five feet high, collapsed suddenly to-day, burying beneath it about thirty workmen. Seven were killed outright or died in ambulances on their way to hospitals. Probably twenty others were injured. Eleven were taken to the United States Marine and Naval Hospital here, some of them in a serious condition. A number of others escaped with but minor injuries.

The dead are: Meyer Aitkov, sixty years, Chelsea; Ferri Santa, forty-eight years, Boston; Bellich Genilia, thirty-four years, Boston; Morris Zachlad, New York; Joseph Adler, thirty-eight years, Malden; Russian boy, unidentified, about twenty years old; unknown man, features hardly recognizable.

M. Gordon, of the firm of Gordon & Seegal, contractors, who had the work in hand, was arrested late to-day on a warrant charging manslaughter. Medical Examiner George B. McGrath had a conference with Chief of Police Sullivan during the afternoon, and it was decided to hold an inquest as soon as possible.

Five minutes before the collapse, Inspector of Buildings Frank Warrmouth ordered the foreman of the gang to stop work, as he saw the wall was shaking. It was planned to build a four-story house on the spot, which was the site of the old Academy of Music.

The wall which fell upon the workmen stood against the Park Hotel, a building of wood, being fitted into the old wall, in order that it might be utilized for the new structure. It was claimed that the wall was undermined by the large holes dug into it, and that, with no proper support above, it gave way.

The list of dead was increased to eight by the death of John Costello, fifty-five years of age, of Lynn, who died at the Marine Hospital.

One of the two unidentified bodies was later found to be that of Carmello Muzello, twenty-three years of age, of Chelsea. The other was identified as M. Seegal, of the firm of Gordon & Seegal, contractors, who were doing the building work, was arrested to-night on the charge of manslaughter. His partner, Gordon, was arrested earlier in the day.

REPUBLICANS AT SEA

North Carolina Members of G. O. P. Are Searching for Leader.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 25.—On the eve of their convention, North Carolina Republicans seem no nearer settlement on a man to head their ticket than they were months ago. A tentative platform was adopted to-night by a special platform committee, but this will not be given out in advance. It is understood that the platform question will precipitate the only fight in the convention. An in-into downpour of rain, interrupting train schedules, promises to interfere seriously with the attendance of the convention, which will be called to order to-morrow at noon.

TEACHER USED KNIFE

Farmer and Son Stabbed in Quarrel Over Fugement of Litter.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., August 25.—HOT SPRINGS, Ark., August 25.—A teacher, aged fifty years, a prominent farmer of Lincoln township, this county, was cut and fatally wounded, and his son stabbed and seriously hurt, at the Dewey school house, this morning, by Gardner Lewis, a teacher, who is alleged to have punished the boy for a misdeed, and who is said to have quarreled with the boy's father when the latter came to the school to investigate the matter.

The boy was cut while attempting to assist his father. The weapon used was an ordinary pocket-knife. Officers from this city were dispatched to the scene to arrest Lewis.

SUFFERED TEN YEARS

Death of Lieutenant-Commander Spear Over Fulguration of Litter.

NORRISTOWN, PA., August 25.—Lieutenant-Commander Roscoe Spear, United States Navy, died here to-day, after suffering nearly ten years with a disease which he contracted while serving in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War.

Commander Spear was thirty-six years of age. His brother, Reginald Spear, is paymaster of the United States ship Salem, at Boston, and another, Raymond Spear, is surgeon on the hospital ship Relief, accompanying the Pacific fleet.

CAR TICKET CONSPIRACY

Arrests in Detroit for Sale of Alleged Counterfeit Fares.

DETROIT, MICH., August 25.—Chas. E. Rason, a painter and decorator, his son, Harold E. Rason, a conductor on the Detroit Avenue street car line, and William Vann, a former conductor on the same line, are in jail on a charge of disposing of counterfeit street car tickets.

Vann is a member of the executive committee of the Street Railway Men's Union. The police claim to have obtained a confession from these men. A number of others are said to be implicated and further arrests are expected.

BOY BURNS TO DEATH

Mother Throws Child from Window and Leaps After It.

NEW YORK, August 25.—Panle seized Mrs. Mary Abruzzo, of Brooklyn, when a gas stove exploded and set fire to the clothing of her three-year-old son Joseph and a baby carriage in which was her infant son Charles. Mrs. Abruzzo threw the baby from the third-story window and then leaped after it.

The boy Joseph, left in the apartment, was burned to death, and Mrs. Abruzzo and her baby were mortally injured by the fall. Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze.

LEGLESS NEWSBOY A SUICIDE

Well-Known Character Snuffs Out Life With Illuminating Gas.

NEW YORK, August 25.—Clifford Savage, the legless newsboy of Broadway and Fifth Avenue, and known among the newsboys as the "Flying Dutchman," committed suicide here to-day by inhaling illuminating gas in his home on the East Side.

Savage was a well-known character in the busy thoroughfares of the city. He sold newspapers from a go-cart, which was propelled by a pair of trained dogs.

FLOODS FOLLOW HEAVY RAINS AND WRECK PROPERTY

Much Damage Done by Storm Throughout Virginia and in South Carolina.

CAMDEN BRIDGE GOES DOWN WITH PEOPLE

Wagon Containing Farmer and Boy Swept Away by Current. N. & W. Trestle Is Washed Away on Lynchburg-Durham Division of Road.

Virginia and Carolina Rivers to Overflow

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The Weather Bureau to-day issued a forecast of the Columbia and James rivers of the Carolinas and in the James River of Virginia.

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 25.—News from Camden, S. C., is to the effect that the Waters of the Columbia and James rivers are moderate floods in the rivers of Eastern Georgia and in the James River of Virginia.

Greatly swollen by the heavy rains of the past forty-eight hours, the river caused the bridge to give way when rafts and other craft jammed into the iron structure. A number of people were on the bridge at the time. Some were rescued in trees and on the raft. George Rabon, a farmer of Camden, with a boy named Hinson, was going across in a wagon. They were swept away by the current, and have not been seen since. The bridge cost \$15,000.

Reports received by The State to-night from Spartanburg and Anderson counties tell of unprecedented rains in the Piedmont section of South Carolina, resulting in great damage to property, and forcing power plants to close down, thus cutting off the source of power of a number of cotton mills, electric light plants and other enterprises.

Spartanburg county is under water as the result of a heavy rain that has been falling for forty-eight hours. It is estimated that \$150,000 will not cover the damage to bridges in the county, a dozen or more having been washed away early in the afternoon.

A great dam washed away. A repetition of the disaster of 1903 is feared to-night. It is reported that the great dam across Lawson's Fork at Whitney Mill, three miles north of Spartanburg, has gone down in the floods. Railroad transportation is at a standstill, the tracks being blocked by landslides and washes.

At Anderson, S. C., ten inches of water have fallen in the last sixteen hours. A train on the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway ran into a washout this morning and the engine was ditched. No loss of life is reported.

The rain is still falling in several sections of the State.